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Locally Heavy Rainfall and Gusty Winds Possible through Monday; Be Alert for Additional Advisories

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office issued a **special weather statement** for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. A tropical disturbance, known as Invest 96W, located southeast of the Marianas is slowly moving west, expected to pass just south of Guam the next few days. 96W and a corresponding surface trough are expected to bring numerous locally heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms Sunday and Sunday night.

Rainfall amounts between 2 and 4 inches, with locally heavier amounts in excess of 4 to 6 inches are possible. Localized flooding is possible in low-lying and poor drainage areas. East winds of 10 to 15 mph are expected to become 15 to 25 mph after midnight, with occasional gusts to 35 mph on Sunday. Winds will diminish slightly Sunday night.

Those living in flood-prone areas should keep aware of conditions in the event of heavy showers over the island; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize flooding and watch for any additional advisories. Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving in heavy rain, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

A **small craft advisory** will be in effect for the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan from midnight tonight to 6 p.m. Sunday. Southwest winds of 15 to 25 knots, with near gale-force gusts, are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating small craft, should avoid sailing in these conditions.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) advise the community to practice caution while traveling in heavy rain and gusty winds, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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